



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton  
Urban County Council

FROM: *Jennifer M. Carey*  
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DATE: August 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Compost Pilot Program

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**Request**

The purpose of this memorandum is to request authorization to administer a Compost Pilot Program for interested residents. The budgeted amount for the pilot program is \$9,000 for Fiscal Year 2022. The pilot program is open to a maximum of 60 households that receive city waste service.

Participants will be able to purchase a composter at a reduced rate after attending a required workshop. LFUCG will partially fund the composters, and participants may choose from one of three types of composters for a nominal fee: \$10 for a worm compost bin, \$20 for a stationary composter, or \$30 for a tumbling composter. Participants will also be asked to complete several short surveys about their composting knowledge and the experience of participating in the pilot program.

**Why are you requesting?**

Compost education supports individual waste reduction and individual sustainable behaviors, both goals of the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works with a strong emphasis on waste management. Based on past participation and interest in compost programming, many residents are interested in learning more about home composting and would be eager to participate in the pilot program.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?**

The cost for FY22 is \$9,000.00, and is currently unknown for future budget years, pending the outcome of the pilot program.



**Are the funds budgeted?**

Funds are budgeted and available in 1115-313201-3095-75101

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**Director / Commissioner:** Carey / Albright

